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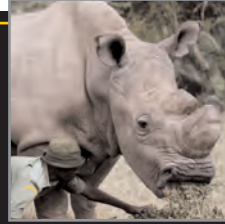
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## TODAY'S EDITION

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## Quote unquote

Some may call the year 2020 as a year of external disruptions due to the pandemic. But I firmly believe that 2020 will be known not as a year of external disruption, but as a year of internal discovery for our society and for our nation. Adversity not only builds strength but also brings out our true innate character. This global pandemic has brought to the fore India's national character for the entire world to behold as a resilient and united nation

**NARENDRA MODI, PM**



## 3.5 BILLION

Subscribers will be connected to 5G by 2026 globally, according to a report by the telecom company Ericsson. India will account for 350 million subscriptions



- Globally, more than 1 billion people—15 per cent of the world's population is expected to live in an area that has 5G coverage rolled out
- In 2026, 60 per cent of the world's population will have access to 5G coverage, with 5G subscriptions forecast to reach 3.5 billion. In India, 5G subscriptions will surpass 350 million, accounting for 27 per cent of all mobile subscriptions in 2026, the report said

5G is the 5th generation mobile network. It is a new global wireless standard after 1G, 2G, 3G, and 4G networks. 5G enables a new kind of network that is designed to connect virtually everyone and everything together including machines, objects, and devices

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### FACTOID

Natural disasters affecting more than 50 million people occurred in the first half a year alone since the coronavirus pandemic was officially announced in March, stated the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in its annual World Disasters report recently. This includes some 250,000 people, who were affected by as many as 10 different disasters during this period, according to the World Disasters 2020 report

In the past 10 years, 83 per cent of all the disasters triggered by natural hazards were caused by extreme weather and climate-related events, such as floods, storms and heatwaves, it was stated in the report

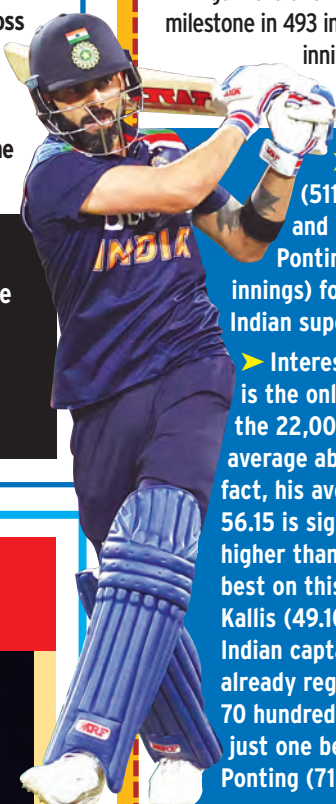
## Spotlight

### VIRAT KOHLI BECOMES FASTEST TO SCORE 22,000 INTL RUNS

Virat Kohli added yet another feather to his cap in his glorious international career during his 89 against Australia in the second ODI at the SCG on Sunday. When Kohli scored his 78th run of the match, he surpassed Sachin Tendulkar to become the fastest to score 22,000 international runs. Kohli achieved the feat in just 462 innings. Tendulkar had taken 31 innings more and had reached the milestone in 493 international innings.

► Brian Lara (511 innings) and Ricky Ponting (514 innings) follow the two Indian superstars

► Interestingly, Kohli is the only batsman in the 22,000-Club to average above 50! In fact, his average of 56.15 is significantly higher than the second best on this count - Kallis (49.10). The Indian captain has already registered 70 hundreds and is just one behind Ponting (71)



### EARTH 2000 LIGHT YEARS CLOSER TO MILKY WAY'S SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLE



SPACE

A new map of the Milky Way has put the Earth 2,000 light years closer to the supermassive black hole at the centre of our galaxy. The map suggests that the blackhole is located 25,800 light years from the Earth, closer than the official value of 27,700 light years.

According to the map, our solar system is travelling at 227 kilometres per second as it orbits around the galactic centre - faster than the official value of 220 kilometres per second

### PLASTIC POLLUTION FROM FISHING NETS THREATENING GANGES WILDLIFE



ENVIRONMENT

Plastic pollution from discarded fishing gear in the Ganges river poses a threat to wildlife, such as the critically-endangered three-striped roofed turtle and the endangered Ganges river dolphin, according to an international team including researchers from the Wildlife Institute of India.

- The researchers noted that fishing nets - all made of plastic - were the most common type of gear found
- High rates of fishing equipment are being discarded in the river - driven by short gear lifespans and lack of appropriate disposal systems, the researchers said

### NEWS IN BRIEF

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### INSIDE THE SUPER NINTENDO WORLD



Universal Studios Japan plans to open its \$580 million Nintendo attraction on Feb 4, finally debuting a long-delayed effort to introduce Mario and other beloved characters to real-world theme park to the visitors



### AR RAHMAN IS BAFTA BREAKTHROUGH INDIA AMBASSADOR

Oscar and Grammy-winning composer AR Rahman has been roped in as the ambassador of the BAFTA Breakthrough initiative in India.

#### IN THE NEWS

► The initiative marks BAFTA's first steps into India. The talent hunt initiative will enable the Academy to identify and nurture up to five talents working in film, games, or television in India. The exercise, known as BAFTA Breakthrough initiative, is part of the Academy's year-round effort to support new talent, operating alongside their awards ceremonies

► As part of the initiative in India, a jury of British and Indian industry experts will select five talents from across India to take part in the year-long mentoring and guidance programme. The chosen talent will also connect with and learn from the British and Indian creative industries, and will be promoted as BAFTA Breakthrough artistes globally



## NEW WORDS INSPIRED BY THE CORONA CRISIS

As the coronavirus impacted the world in many ways- from the world order to economics to personal lives, language had to grow and adjust to encompass the changes it bought. Here are some new words being used and what they mean...

### QUARANTEAM

The Cambridge dictionary describes it as "a group of people who go into quarantine together"

At a time where many people live alone, quarantine is a good idea, as they let people have access to their friends and family

### ANTHROPAUSE

According to the Oxford Dictionary, the word comes from anthropo meaning 'relating to humans' and pause, and "it refers to the global slowdown of travel and other human activity during the pandemic"

It alludes to some of the welcome consequences of this slowdown - fish were visible in the Grand Canal in Venice due to the reduction in water traffic; light and noise pollution across much of the world has decreased; and animals are being seen more frequently in their natural habitat as humans stay away

### DOOMSCROLLING

The Oxford Dictionary describes it as "the action of compulsively scrolling through social media or news feeds, which is related to bad news"

Doomscrolling was an inevitable part of the heavy year- from Bushfire updates to corona cases rising, to the close US presidential election, the year has been rife with stress-inducing news

### CORONACATION

A blend of corona and vacation, this word refers to the break from work many people got due to the coronavirus

Many businesses eventually found ways to continue working from home or when the lockdown loosened but some got to enjoy a coronacation before



## OUR ENVIRONMENT WRITER ON HOW WE MAY HAVE ERADICATED A SPECIES OF WHITE RHINOS



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**ADITYA KAUSHAL,**  
Batch of 2020, Ekya Schools,  
Bengaluru

**So now what? With no male member of the species alive, there is no way for the species to continue.**

Have we lost yet another species from the surface of the Earth? Are we once again, as is becoming characteristic of Human Beings, responsible for the eradication of another species? Yes...and no.

The problem is the same – poaching. Poachers have been hunting rhinoceros for their horns for over 50 years. Their horns are in high demand among ancient tribal communities as well as underworld markets. They are often sold for close to a million per horn. While wildlife agencies did enforce restrictions and heavy penalties to poachers, pervasive corruption meant that the regulations were of little effect.

Scientists and wildlife conservationists together had the foresight to prepare for the worst case scenario. Though lacking the technology at the time, scientists in the 1970's harnessed male gametes of northern white rhinoceros with the vision that sometime in the future, they might help combat

# ARE WE TOO LATE?

Poachers have been hunting rhinoceros for their horns for over 50 years; their horns are in high demand among few tribal communities as well as underworld markets.

the inevitable extinction event the rhino population was heading towards. This practice of collecting the gametes has continued to this day, and now, while the last male rhinoceros is no more – the gamete is still viable. We still can prevent the northern white rhino from being extinct.

The scientists are now working towards creating a viable embryo that one of the two female white rhinos can carry.

**With the progress of technology, humans have ideated a solution.**

To use a relative species – the southern white rhino as a surrogate mother. On August 22, 2019, the first embryo was prepared and researchers are now cloning on a possible surrogate southern rhino to revive the species. What is amazing is that for all the damage we as humans inflict onto the environment, this is also the first time we have made our impact to modify a species in a positive sense. 40 years ago, this wouldn't have been possible, but today we stand a chance. But remember, we do not play the role of God. We do not get to reverse our actions in entirety. Yes, with technology and science we are able to help a species, but it really isn't the same. We have been fortunate enough in this case to get the chance to make amends for our actions, but the lesson is still profound – we are eradicating species and our scientific actions and awareness must come sooner, rather than later.



## 5 WAYS ON HOW TO SUPPORT AN INTROVERT FRIEND

### SPEND 1-TO-1 WITH YOUR FRIEND

1 If you know that your friend happens to be an introvert, try spending specific time with him/her. There's something nice and safe about not having to cope with a group of people and trying to make conversation with all of them. That's more likely going to put your friend off coming. You could go for lunch somewhere, look around some bookshops or even go to the cinema. You'll have their attention and they will have yours.



### LET THEM HAVE ALONE TIME



3 Not everyone can deal with pushy friends who land up uninvited and want to party suddenly! If a friend prefers not to go out often, don't push or try to 'persuade' them to go. There's a difference between being genuinely understanding and allowing your friend time and space even within your boundaries of friendship. Let your friend know that you are around.

### TRY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN INTROVERT

2 One of the best ways to know how to be with an introvert friend is to picture what it's like to be in their shoes. Take time to see how overwhelming social situations can be for them, know what their boundaries are and find others to be social with them.



### DON'T MAKE THEM FEEL AS IF THEY NEED TO BE FIXED



4 This is something that can really be frustrating. It's not just the odd friend who does this but family as well. Most of the time they are only trying to help but it makes the one who is an introvert feel like they have a problem. That they need to be fixed. You have to convince your friend that being an introvert isn't some kind of character flaw.

### IT MIGHT TAKE THEM TIME TO OPEN UP

5 If a person is a real friend then they'll have patience with someone. Some people might mistake being introverted for



being cold, distant or seemingly uncaring. That is so far from the truth! There are some people who just take time to get used to a person and, if they feel safe, then they will open up. Some people just need more time...

## REVISE AND LEARN

## SIMPLY FRACTIONS ZOMBIE BOARD GAME

<b>START</b>	1. 10/5	2. 33/11	3. 10/100	4. 6/12	5. 21/7
11. 7/70	10. Trade Places	9. 7/6	8. 11/22	7. 12/36	6. Go forward 2 spaces
12. 45/90	13. 5/4	14. 3/9	15. 	16. 30/120	17. 60/30
23. 50/100	22. Go back 3 spaces	21. 23/46	20. 6/10	19. 7/28	18. Trade Places
24. 64/80	25. 70/100	26. 13/4	27. 11/7	28. 15/6	29. 9/12
<b>END</b>	34. 7/3	33. 	32. 33/55	31. 6/66	30. Lose a Turn

Designed by Math Games 4 Children

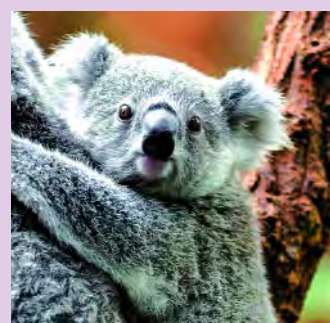
### RULES OF THE GAME

The zombie board game is a fun game for educators. There are traps, pitfalls and escapes in this game. It is called Zombie Board Game because the zombie represents the biggest single threat to the players. Landing on a zombie space sends a player back to start.

- Roll the dice and count ahead according to the number that shows up.
- When a player lands on a space, the player simplifies the fraction on the space within a determined time and says the answer.
- The instructions on the other spaces are pretty straightforward.
- Lose a turn** : the player loses a turn to play.
- Go forward**
- Go backward**

- The zombie is the space no one wants to land on. It is a killer. Landing on the zombie sends the player back to start. Restarting is no fun when your opponent is advancing.
- Trade Places**: This can be good or bad. The player who lands on this space swaps with the opponent. Trading places with an opponent who is ahead in the game is good. Trading places with an opponent who is behind is no fun.
- Finally the last pitfall is towards the end of the game. To finish the game, the player must get the exact number on the dice to END. If the player has more, the player has to count forward and backwards. For example if a player is at space 31, the player needs to roll and get 4 to finish. If the player has 6 for example, the player counts forward to 4 and 2 backwards to space 33.
- To customise this game, change text here in the space boxes by putting in your own words. You can also add small and fun clip arts for lower levels.

### KNOWLEDGE BANK



#### Koala

These are nocturnal marsupials famous for spending most of their lives asleep on trees. During the day they doze, tucked inside forks or nooks in the trees, sleeping for up to 18 hours. This sedentary lifestyle can be attributed to the fact they have unusually small brains and survive on a diet of nutrient-poor leaves. Many koala populations are faced with nowhere to go when their habitat is destroyed by deforestation.

### Matilda's Wonderful WORD QUIZ

MATILDA IS A WHIZZ WITH WORDS!  
Can you find all the words hidden in the word search below?

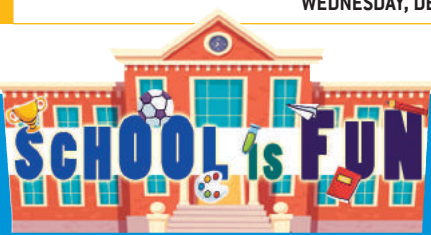
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MATILDA  
CRUNCHEM  
NEWT  
MAGIC

MISS TRUNCHBULL  
MISS HONEY  
PIGTAILS  
EXTRAORDINARY





## Plenty to learn online

I enjoy attending the classes online because apart from academics we also have many other co-curricular activities in which we take part. Although we are missing our peer group physically, we are trying to interact with each other through casual meetings on Zoom to keep our peer group interaction intact.



more about theatre and our school gave an opportunity to learn about theatre with Dimple Ramchandani. We also had many sessions with health experts which has made us aware of many medical factors. As extra curricular activities we also had various sessions of dance, art and craft, chess and music. I have learnt many new things in the last few months.

**SUNAYNA KAR, class VII, Delhi Public School, Ghatkesar**

I always wanted to know

## A trip to cherish for a lifetime

There are many memorable moments in this trip that I hope to remember forever. It was winter season last year when we visited Delhi. The weather was chilly and foggy, making it difficult to venture out, but the visit was worth every penny!

We visited many places and enjoyed the trip to the hilt. The Nizamuddin Dargah and India Gate were prominent places that we visited.

We were charmed by the majestic sight of Parliament House and Rashtrapati Bhavan which were architectural wonders. We realised why they occupy a pride of place in Indian democracy and took many snaps there.

Then we visited Rajghat (the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi) which had such a soulful impact upon all of us. The music in the background, "Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye" overwhelmed us. Besides these, there are other memorials of leaders which are located nearby. A famous museum of Gandhiji gave us an insight into his life and ethics. From there, we went to see the

towering Qutub Minar and Red Fort and learnt a lot about these structures which has such a rich legacy.

We also took a booklet to know more about the place.

Next day we set for Agra to see the wonder of the world Taj Mahal. It is ivory-white marble mausoleum on the bank of the Yamuna. The Taj Mahal was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983 for being "the jewel of Muslim art in India". We also visited Fatehpur Sikri which was followed by visit to Jaipur where we saw Jalmahal, Jantar Mantar and Amber fort. At Jal Mahal, the palace and the lake had a magical affect as we took snaps.

After spending two days here, we left for our home with a heavy heart. During the entire journey, moments spent at Delhi and Jaipur kept flashing in our minds. It was a trip to be savoured for a life time.

**N SURYA SRI, class VII, Atkinson Senior Secondary School, Vijayawada**



## Celebrating the love for science

**Pallavi Model School Bowenpally**

The students of class VIII of Pallavi Model School, Bowenpally, celebrated World Science Day with a special assembly.

The assembly began with an apt thought, "Scientists have become the torchbearers of discovery in our quest for knowledge" by Stephen Hawking.

The students enthusiastically prepared and presented power point presentations showcasing this year's theme - World Science Day for peace and development.

They brought out the main objectives of The World Science Day as stated by the UN. The World Science Day this year aimed to strengthen public awareness on the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies; promote national and international solidarity for shared science between countries;

renew national and international commitment for the use of science for the benefit of societies; draw attention to the challenges faced by science in raising support for the scientific endeavour.

At a time when the world is facing an unprecedented crisis of the Covid-19 pandemic, the importance of scientists and their contributions towards health, peace and solidarity cannot be undermined. The need of the hour is the amalgamation of concrete projects, programmes and funding for sciences by great conglomerates and the governments.

World Science Day for Peace and Development offers an opportunity to show the general public the relevance of science in their lives and to engage them in discussions.

The assembly ended on a positive note on how scientists and sciences have emerged as the beacon of our world's hope and advancements.



## INVIGORATING OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Outdoor Classroom Day was celebrated at Gitanjali Vedika School to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning. Spending time outdoors has been affecting the health and well-being of children. Keeping this in mind outdoor activities were planned for students.

Students enjoyed being in the open space. Various concepts of different subjects were taught connecting them to the environment. The young and ingenious minds took great pleasure in becoming orators, narra-

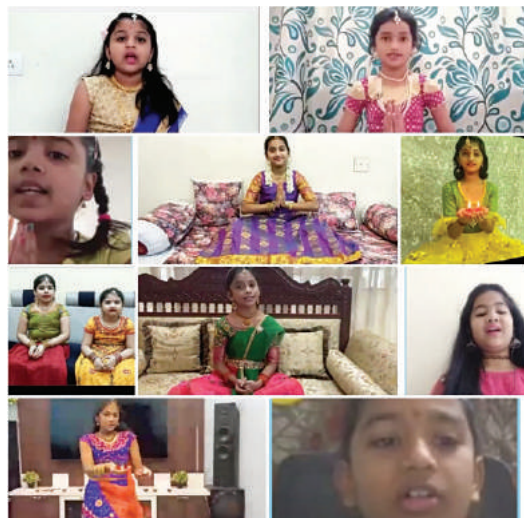
**Gitanjali Vedika School Hyderabad**

tors, mathematicians and creators as they used things from the nature to create amazing formations.

Outdoor learning included discovery, experimentation and care towards nature. Students from all the classes had direct engagement with nature and marked academic achievement, personal and social development. The purposeful experience proved to be a catalyst for powerful and memorable learning.



## Of Diyas & Prayers



**Pallavi Aware International School Saroor Nagar**

The students of Caution House from Pallavi Aware International School conducted a special assembly to celebrate the festival of lights Diwali as a symbol of triumph of knowledge over ignorance.

The Diwali celebra-

tions included an informative Telugu skit, recitation of Mahalakshmi Ashtakam, ramp walk in traditional attire and a flawless dance performance.

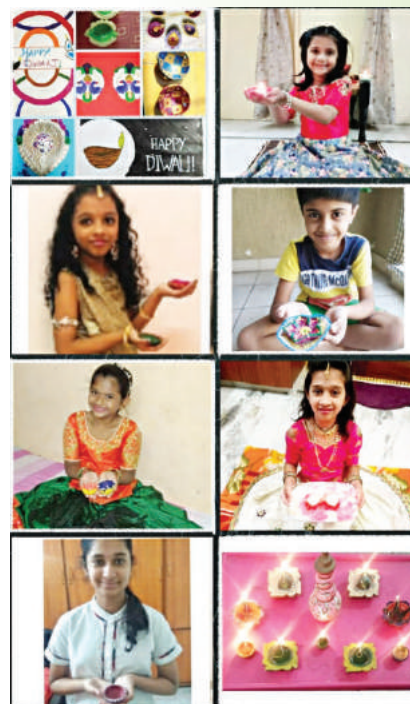
Principal Sudeshna Mairal wished and encouraged everyone to observe a green Diwali.

**DDMS(AMS) P. Obul Reddy Public School Hyderabad**

Diwali has its roots in ancient India and the epic Ramayan. Diwali is not just a day of the home coming of Lord Ram but also carries with it the essence of victory of good over evil. The festival signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

The students of pre-

primary wing celebrated a virtual Diwali with zeal. Dressed in traditional and colourful attires, they made colourful diyas and did some freehand drawings in their virtual classes. They also made beautiful 'rangolis' with the help of their parents. Teachers spoke about the significance of the festival and spread the message of celebrating a safe and eco-friendly Diwali. Students were briefed on the ill-effects of burning crackers. A video on how to have a safe Diwali was also shown to the children.



**Niraj Public School Hyderabad**

The festival of lights 'Diwali' is usually celebrated 20 days after Dussehra, with Dhanteras being the first day of the festival when people clean their homes and make 'rangolis' on the floor. The second day is Naraka Chaturdashi while the third day is the day of Lakshmi Puja and the darkest night of the traditional month. In some parts of India, the day after Lakshmi Puja is marked with the Govardhan Puja and Balipratipada.

Some Hindu communities mark the last day as Bhai Dooj, which is dedicated to the bond between sister and brother, while other Hindu and Sikh craftsmen communities mark this day as 'Vishwakarma Puja' and observe it at their work spaces and offer prayers.

This year Diwali was different, because it was the first time when the festival was celebrated virtually at Niraj Public School. The celebrations became more special as the day also marked Children's Day. Founder principal B Jyothi Reddy graced the occasion and spoke about the importance of the festival and the victory of Lord Ram over evil as he defeated demon King Ravana on this day. Principal B Jyotesh Reddy wished students and staff a 'Very Happy and safe Diwali'. Students energetically participated in the celebration by singing songs, reciting slokas on goddess Lakshmi. They also illuminated the safety measures while playing with crackers. The festivities came to an end with beautiful dance performances leaving the audience enthralled.

**Maninder Kaur and Sruthi, Coordinators, Pallavi Model School Alwal**

Diwali, a festival most wait for throughout the year, was celebrated with enthusiasm virtually by the students of Pallavi Model School, Alwal.

To make children understand the essence of the festival, teachers put up a puppet show showing the return of Lord Ram, Laxman and Sita. Children were excited to know about how the festivals Govardhan and Narak Chaturdashi came into existence.

We believe that with celebration comes learning and with learning comes



wisdom. Children never step back in making use of their creative minds to create something they will for-

ever cherish.

One such craft they made was colourful lanterns along with paint-

ing of lamps with beautiful colours.

Children also made beautiful floral 'rangoli' designs under the guidance of their parents and enjoyed the given task. After all the virtual celebration, there was a small quiz organised by teachers and students answered to those enthusiastically.

Diwali without sweets seems a bit incomplete and to complete this space we decided to integrate with parents and children to make tasty and classic laddus to complete the celebration.

The celebration was made possible under the guidance of principal Sunir Nagi, who always motivated us to come up with creative ideas in order to reach the child's heart and soul.

## Painters' Gallery



**TRADITIONAL HUES: VARSHINI MUTHYALA, class VI C, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavans (Vidyashram), Jubilee Hills**



**SOLITUDE: YASHVI AGARWAL, class III C, Delhi Public School, Mahendra Hills, Hyderabad**

## CRICKET FEVER

Walking in the shadows that were cast,  
Sobbing and mourning of the past  
May RCB rise and shine, For this is the time of prime  
All rounder, batsmen bowlers at their best  
Putting the opponent to the test  
Making their way to the table's crest.

**HANSIKA RAJESH, class VII A, Tatva Global School, Hyderabad**

## ROUTINE OF LIFE

We meet a new person every day,  
And then they'll become the only way.  
We love each other for a period of time,  
Until we realise they are as sour as lime.  
We trust them so hard and we regret,  
But nothing about us makes them upset.  
One fine day, we don't know each other,  
And then we forget how we use to blabber.  
And there's nothing to get sad about, And there's no doubt.  
There are ups and downs,  
That doesn't mean we should become clowns.  
This is the routine of life, Rather than getting into strife,  
Rather than choosing a knife,  
Be happy and have a REAL LIFE

**KUNDANIKA SIDDI, class IX C, The Hyderabad Public School, Ramanthapur**



# WHY INDIA GOT HAMMERED

Before the Virat Kohli-led side takes on Aaron Finch's Australia in the third and final ODI of the series, let's discuss the three reasons that have led to Team India's flop show Down Under

## 1 BEST IN THE BUSINESS ARE BLEEDING RUNS

■ It was like yesterday when Indian head coach Ravi Shastri claimed India's 'fab-five' can outclass Australia in their own den. In Shastri's words, Bumrah is 'one of the best in business', and Shami, India's most successful bowler of the 2019 season, was 'raring to go' for the Australia series. "You put up runs on board and watch these fast bowlers hunt the opposition," Shastri had said. Fast forward to the present, India's apex predators have failed miserably in terms of hunting the opposition.

■ Indian bowlers were sent on a leather hunt by Smith & Co. in the first two ODIs. Openers Warner and Finch managed to cross the 140-run stand in both matches. Shami and Bumrah have been acting as catalyst for the Australian batsmen who are busy scoring runs by the barrel. Yuzvendra Chahal, who had a fruitful IPL 2020, conceded 89 runs in the 1st ODI - the most by an Indian spinner in the history of the 50-over format. Indian bowlers combined plucked five wickets after leaking 763 (374 + 389) runs in 2 matches.

## 2 MAJOR MISSING! LET'S TALK ABOUT ROHIT 'HITMAN' SHARMA

■ Nicknamed Hitman for his explosive batting style, Rohit has three double tons (one vs Australia) to his name in ODIs. His injury saga has remained a major talking point in the ongoing tour Down Under. India lost the 2nd ODI by 51 runs and were thrashed by 66 runs in the curtain-raiser. Even Kohli's batting brilliance (89 off 87) did not help in the 2nd ODI. How badly India is missing Rohit Hitman Sharma!

## 3 WHO IS IN AND WHO IS OUT? THERE IS NO PLAN B

■ Desperate times call for desperate measures. Hardik Pandya was handed the white-ball by skipper Kohli just two days after the all-rounder had shared plans of remodelling his bowling action by declaring himself unfit. This also means that Pandya is likely to ball for India in the third ODI if Team India wants to salvage some pride by winning the final match of the series. There is no debate about his selection as Pandya has remained in top form as a batsman. But what about Chahal and Navdeep Saini?

■ Chahal bagged a dubious record to his name and was nowhere near his usual best with the ball in the 1st ODI. Saini has been dealing with back spasms ever since the ODI series kicked off in Sydney last month. Both Chahal and Saini were still named in the 2nd ODI - a match which Team India sadly forgot to play as a series decider.

■ Not to forget, India don't even have a 'leg-spin backup' for Chahal in the limited-overs series against Australia.



Hardik Pandya



Yuzvendra Chahal

## Finch names three players who can replace Warner in 3rd ODI

Finch cited wicket-keeper batsman Alex Carey, Marnus Labuschagne, and Matthew Wade as the possible options Australia can try for opening the innings along with the skipper

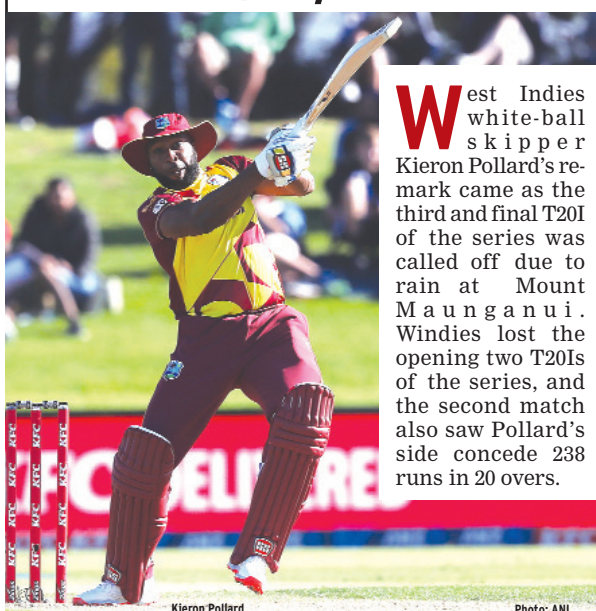


Skipper Aaron Finch admitted that any side will become weaker in star batsman David Warner's absence but asserted Australia have a number of options to cover the sizeable loss. Warner has been ruled out of the limited-overs fixtures against India due to a groin strain and will miss the remaining white-ball matches.

The middle-order has been functioning really well over the last little while. That is the beauty of being two-nil up in the series, you can look to experiment if you want to do that or you can look to play the safe option.

Aaron Finch

## Need to look in mirror, don't want to feel like laughing stocks, says Pollard



Kieron Pollard

West Indies white-ball skipper Kieron Pollard's remark came as the third and final T20I of the series was called off due to rain at Mount Maunganui. Windies lost the opening two T20Is of the series, and the second match also saw Pollard's side concede 238 runs in 20 overs.

## West Ham ride their luck to beat Aston Villa



Angelo Ogbonna

West Ham United climbed to fifth in the Premier League with a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa on Monday, as for the second successive home game they benefited from a missed penalty. Goals by Angelo Ogbonna and Jarrod Bowen at the start of each half earned West Ham the points, although Villa will rue an Ollie Watkins penalty that rattled the crossbar.

### HIGHLIGHT

Fulham shock Leicester to escape relegation zone

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### SPORTS QUIZ | Indo-Pakistan rivalry

**Q1:** In which year did India make the highest One Day International total (356/9) against Pakistan?

a) 2003 ☐ b) 2004 ☐ c) 2005 ☐ d) 2006 ☐

**Q2:** Which player holds the record of the highest score in ODI encounters between India and Pakistan?

a) Saeed Anwar ☐ b) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ c) Virat Kohli ☐ d) Shoaib Malik ☐

**Q3:** Which Indian player holds the record for most ODI

runs against Pakistan?

a) Virender Sehwag ☐ b) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ c) Rahul Dravid ☐ d) Sunil Gavaskar ☐

**Q4:** Which Indian player holds the record of most sixes against Pakistan in T20 Internationals?

a) Yuvraj Singh ☐ b) Rohit Sharma ☐ c) Rahul Dravid ☐ d) Zaheer Khan ☐

**Q5:** Which bowler holds the record of most wickets in Test encounters between India and Pakistan?

a) Kapil Dev ☐ b) Anil Kumble ☐ c) Wasim Akram ☐ d) Shahid Afridi ☐

**Q6:** Which Pakistani player holds the record of most-five-wickets-hauls in an inning against India in One Day Internationals?

a) Aaqib Javed ☐ b) Sohail Khan ☐ c) Wasim Akram ☐ d) Wahab Riaz ☐



**Q7:** Which Indian player holds the record of highest catches against Pakistan in ODIs?

a) Mohammad Azharuddin ☐ b) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ c) Rahul Dravid ☐ d) Arshad Ayub ☐

**Q8:** Which Pakistani player has played the maximum number of matches against India in ODIs?

a) Shahid Afridi ☐ b) Inzamam-ul-Haq ☐ c) Ijaz Ahmed ☐ d) Saleem Malik ☐

**Q9:** Which former Indian has captained the record of most number of ODIs against Pakistan?

a) Mohammad Azharuddin ☐ b) Sachin Tendulkar ☐ c) MS Dhoni ☐ d) Sourav Ganguly ☐

**Q10:** Which wicketkeeper holds the record of most

dismissals in ODI encounters between India and Pakistan?

a) MS Dhoni ☐ b) Moin Khan ☐ c) Kamran Akmal ☐ d) NR Mongia ☐

**Q11:** In which year did India make the lowest total of 79 in ODIs against Pakistan at Sialkot?

a) 1977 ☐ b) 1978 ☐ c) 1979 ☐ d) 1980 ☐

**Q12:** Which two players hold the record of highest partnership for any wicket in Test encounters between India and Pakistan?

a) Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid ☐ b) MS Dhoni, R Ashwin ☐ c) Sachin Tendulkar, NS Sidhu ☐ d) Mohammad Hafeez, Nasir Jamshed ☐

**ANSWERS:** 1 c) 2005 2 a) Saeed Anwar 3 b) Sachin Tendulkar 4 a) Yuvraj Singh 5 a) Kapil Dev 6 a) Aaqib Javed 7 a) Mohammad Azharuddin 8 b) Inzamam-ul-Haq 9 a) Mohammad Azharuddin 10 b) Moin Khan 11 b) 1978 12 a) Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid